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Image of the day – Ye olde rector of Aghalee

AGHALEE PARISH HERITAGE FESTIVAL

13TH - 15TH OCT 2023

at Soldierstown Church

**Floral & Heritage Displays
& Costume Pageant
telling the history
of Aghalee Parish**

**Refreshments available
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Official Opening:

Fri, 2pm
with **Lady Mary Peters**

Festival open:

Friday 2pm - 8pm
Sat 10am - 6pm
Sun 2pm - 6pm
Services 11am & 7pm

Costume Pageant:

Fri 3:30pm
Sat 11am, 2:30pm & 4pm
Sun 3pm

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Ye olde rector of Aghalee...

Ye Rectore of Aghaley inviteth thee to Ye Olde Heritage Festivale. 13th - 15th October... but be ye warned - these Puritans approveth not of such things!

People and places

CITI Ordinands Commissioned as Student Readers

Five Ordinands at the Church of Ireland Theological Institute were commissioned as Student Readers on Wednesday evening (October 4) by Archbishop Michael Jackson.

The students were presented to the Archbishop for licensing by the Revd Dr Patrick McGlinchey who coordinates student placements. Student readers are called to lead worship, proclaim the word and assist in the distribution of the bread and wine of Holy Communion.

The preacher at the service was the Archbishop. He focused on the readings [Exodus 17.1–7; psalm 78.1–4, 12–16; Philippians 2.1–13; St Matthew 21.23–32] and on what he termed the “fledgling Ecumenical Project of Deep Kenosis”.



Matthew Campbell (Down and Dromore), Cennis Chikezie (Meath and Kildare), Luke Hawkins (Meath and Kildare), Victoria Hawkins (Cashel, Ferns and Ossory) and Joshua Pringle (Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh) are first year Student Ordinands at CITI. Archbishop Michael Jackson presided at the service in the College Chapel which was full to capacity for the occasion.

St Paul, he said, was clear that he needed to help to correct an imbalance in understanding, however unpopular. “St Paul, through individual experience, through theological study and through personal insight into how God on earth lived and worked, has come up with the one word: kenosis (self-emptying) to describe who Christ Jesus was and what he did. And he knew that it had to do with the mind every bit as much as with the heart: Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God,

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did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness (Philippians 2.5, 6),” he stated.

The Archbishop said that the students in the Institute of Great Prayer and Long Study were being prepared and were preparing one another for collaborative learning to work wherever God called them to go and to be. They were being commissioned to serve as student readers in the diocese in which they lived and were passionate about wanting to share this teaching on kenosis, he added.

You can read the Archbishop’s sermon in full here.

https://dublin.anglican.org/news/2023/10/05/citi-ordinands-commissioned-as-student?utm_source=dlvr.it&utm_medium=facebook

Change continues apace in TLK diocese - Bishop Burrows

Change continues apace across the diocesan family in Tuam, Limerick & Killaloe, Bishop Michael Burrows writes -

It has been great of late to welcome the Revd. Suzanne Cousins to Aughaval Group where she has certainly been hitting the ground running!

On Sunday October 22nd at 17.00 in St. Flannan’s Cathedral, Killaloe Canon Dr. Richard Marsh will be installed as Dean and introduced as Priest in Charge of the Killaloe



One of a series of great photos from the I AM GIRL project showing the difference that C of I Bishops Appeal giving can make on the ground. Thanks to Fields of Life and the many parishes across the C of I who have contributed to this progress for girls in Uganda and their education.

group of parishes. He will also play a significant role in the delivery of Reader Training and other forms of accredited theological learning across the entire bishopric. Richard is currently Bishop's Vicar at St Canice's Cathedral Kilkenny but many in the Co. Mayo area of this diocese will know him thanks to his valued volunteer ministry in those parts following his move from England. He was engaged in community work for a number of years having taken some time out from fulltime ministry: previously in the Church of

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England, amongst other things he had served on the archbishop of Canterbury's personal staff with special responsibility for ecumenical and international affairs. It was good news for the Church of Ireland when he considered it timely to resume full time ministry in Kilkenny, and now he will bring to Killaloe and to the wider diocese truly manifold gifts.

THE DERRY & RAPHOE DIOCESAN MINISTRY OF HEALING
AND THE CHURCH'S MINISTRY OF HEALING ARE ORGANIZING A

**'BRINGING WHOLENESS IN
CHRIST THROUGH PRAYER'**

Training Day

Saturday 21st October 2023
(9.30am – 4pm)
@ St. Peter's, Culmore Road, Londonderry

Purpose: To encourage and equip participants to pray for physical, emotional, mental and spiritual healing.

The Training Day will include teaching and a workshop approach with opportunities for participants to put their learning into practice.

Please bring a packed lunch - tea & coffee will be provided.

To register contact Rev. Carmen Hayes
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The Institution in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Killala to Killala Group of the Revd. Alex Morahan is planned for Friday November 3rd at 19.30. Alex is a proud Mayo man (who also recognises with relish that part of his new cure is in Co Sligo) and he returns 'home' after a varied ministry which has included fulltime chaplaincy both in healthcare and in education. He is currently chaplain to Kilkenny College.

It was good to announce recently the appointment of the Revd. Diane Matchett to be Dean of Tuam and incumbent of the associated Group of parishes, in succession to the late and greatly beloved Dean Grimason. Her installation is planned for Sunday January 14th at 17.00 in Tuam. Diane is at present serving near Cookstown in the diocese of Armagh, but many holidays in Roundstone in her formative years gave her a deep-down love for the West and for the possibility of ministry here. We know she will embrace the challenge with energy and enthusiasm.

A number of diocesan Readers are being commissioned around now, following completion of the course requirements of the House of Bishops. (Here I would like to say thank you to Dean Tom Gordon, well known to many of us, for his contribution to reader training via the academic pathway accredited and certified through Maynooth, as he now steps down from coordinating that programme.)

On Saturday October 7th at 15.00 in Clifden Frances Hill Thornburgh will be commissioned, and on the same day at 20.00 in Killanley, John Gawley will be commissioned. We rejoice with them both as they embark upon this new phase of ministry and look forward to the invaluable contribution which they will make.

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I now want to pay a special and grateful tribute to the Revd. Maebh O'Herlihy, who has retired from active Ordained Local Ministry focused on the Achill Island part of Aughaval Group. Maebh has been a Pioneer OLM in our midst, and on the island, she combined pastoral presence with the rich vision associated with the Sacred Path, with its opportunity to offer retreat, pilgrimage, refreshment and Celtic spirituality. We have all been moved in more recent times by how Maebh had faced life-changing illness with courage and determination. She has written powerfully of her experiences, and of how the church must find enrichment through the special ministry offered, not least by ordained people who live with disability. While Maebh can no longer speak to us as she once did, the cry of her soul and the power of her courage resonate. She is ever in our hearts and in our affections.

Songs of Praise mark 340 years of worship in St Mary's, Blessington

Parishioners of Blessington marked 340 years of worship in St Mary's Church, on Sunday September 24 with a wonderful Songs of Praise Service.

The guest organist was the exceptionally talented Mrs Lesley Denniston who chose very popular and rousing hymns. Everyone was in full voice and the church resounded with joyful singing.



Archdeacon Edgar Swann lead the congregation in the service and gave most interesting insights into the various hymns prior to their singing.

Parishioners were also delighted to have, as their special guest at this ecumenical event, the Revd Deacon Gerry Malone. Lesley Denniston and her daughter at the organ in St Mary's.

St Mary's Church is home to the oldest original set of bells in Ireland – cast in 1682 by Bartlett of London. Bell ringers from the parish of Taney joined St Mary's bell ringers and they really did the parish proud with a wonderful contribution to the worship. St Mary's bells rang out before and after the service.

“Most movingly, the congregation could hear a spectacular peel of bells immediately following the final blessing. It

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seemed as if St Mary's herself was sounding out the final song of praise, giving thanks for the many years of worship within her walls," Joan Griffith, honorary secretary of Blessington Union of Parishes commented. "May we look forward to many more years of worship and song praising God in this hugely historical and much loved church."

On behalf of the parish she thanked everyone who decorated the church so beautifully and who provided refreshments afterwards in St Kevin's Community Centre. Special thanks also to Archdeacon Edgar Swann, the Revd Deacon Gerry Malone, Mrs Lesley Denniston (organist) and everyone who joined this very special occasion.

News reports

You are not forgotten': Archbishop of Canterbury visits Armenia amid Nagorno Karaback conflict

The Archbishop of Canterbury has told Christians in Armenia of his support and prayers during his visit to the nation.

Most Rev Justin Welby paid a five-day trip this week to the South Caucasus region with the intention of understanding how the Church of England and the Anglican Communion can help promote peace in the region.

Upon his arrival in Armenia, Archbishop Justin paid a visit to the Armenian Genocide Memorial and met with His Holiness



Karekin II, Catholicos of All Armenians. In their meeting, the Archbishop expressed his daily prayers for the Armenian people.

He said: “Armenia was the first Christian kingdom. You were the first region to have the cross as your symbol. This is a symbol of weight, pain and struggle. Armenia has often carried the cross of pain and struggle. The last weeks have seen so many Armenians suffer deeply. I have been praying for you daily. I come here to say you are not forgotten.”

Yesterday, Friday, Archbishop Justin met with refugees from Nagorno Karabakh and visite



d Church projects that provide support to those displaced by conflict.

Archbishop Welby's visit to the South Caucasus began in Azerbaijan, where he discussed peace and reconciliation with political leaders. He also spoke of the need for the resumption of negotiations to secure a lasting settlement between Azerbaijan and Armenia that recognises the sovereignty and territorial integrity of both countries.

In Georgia, he met with the Prime Minister and visited places of worship, including a multi-faith Peace Cathedral. He showed support for Ukrainian refugees and learned about the challenges faced by people living near the border with South Ossetia.

The Archbishop's regional visit concluded yesterday, Friday.

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Scots Anglican leader's support for Christian Aid's "Wake up and smell the coffee"

The Primus, the Most Rev Mark Strange, took part in Christian Aid's "Wake up and smell the coffee" campaign in a video message published by Christian Aid.

The campaign seeks to put pressure on those who cause the greatest amount of pollution to mitigate and compensate parts of the globe where climate change is reducing crop viability and subsequently damaging livelihoods.

Commenting, Bishop Mark said: "I was pleased to be asked by Christian Aid to support their 'Wake up and smell the coffee' campaign. Those who are most responsible for the loss and damage being caused right now by the climate and biodiversity crises should be those offering the most in financial aid to the most affected areas.

"Over 50% of the land suitable for coffee farming will be gone in the next 25 years - this means a loss of livelihood for thousands of people, and further increases to the cost of basic goods across the world. We have to go further in compelling polluters to address the damage they are doing."

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Pope blames climate crisis on ‘irresponsible excess’ of the West

The Pope has blamed the West’s “irresponsible lifestyle” for the climate crisis, warning that the planet is “collapsing”.

In what marks his strongest intervention on the subject, Pope Francis singled out the US for “irresponsible” Western excess and criticised “the weakness of international politics” to tackle the issue.

He made the comments in a document, entitled *Laudate Deum*, which is “Praise God” in Latin. The pontiff’s remarks stand at odds with Rishi Sunak and his stance on the climate crisis. The Pope made the intervention eight years after his landmark encyclical letter, “*Laudato*”, an almost 200-page document in which he criticised climate change deniers, consumerism and irresponsible development and called for an “ecological conversion”.

However, in his latest comments, he said that since then “our responses have not been adequate, while the world in which we live is collapsing and may be nearing the breaking point”.

He said: “If we consider that emissions per individual in the United States are about two times greater than those of individuals living in China, and about seven times greater than the average of the poorest countries, we can state that a broad change in the irresponsible lifestyle connected with



Mass with Pontifex in St Peter's Square ... attended by the new Cardinals and the synod participants ... real sense of the Universal Church gathered together ... to journey together iCatholic at the Synod

the Western model would have a significant long-term impact.

“As a result, along with indispensable political decisions, we would be making progress along the way to genuine care for one another.”

He also praised climate activists for “filling a space” left empty by political leaders and wider society and criticised those who characterised them as “radicalised”.

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He made the comments weeks after the Prime Minister announced an about-turn on the Government's climate commitments, pushing back the deadline for a ban on the sale of new petrol and diesel cars and the phasing out of gas boilers from 2030 to 2035.

In the media

Victims of clerical abuse are being asked to take part in a review of child safeguarding in the Catholic Church in Ireland.

The review, commissioned from an independent consultancy firm by two church bodies, will focus on the experience of survivors in dealing with the church after the abuse was disclosed.

<https://www.independent.ie/irish-news/survivors-of-clerical-abuse-asked-to-take-part-in-independent-review-of-child-safeguarding-in-catholic-church/a1043547051.html>

Northern Ireland border poll 'is not even on the horizon' says Labour leader Keir Starmer - News Letter

[https://www.newsletter.co.uk/news/politics/northern-ireland-border-poll-is-not-even-on-the-horizon-says-labour-leader-keir-starmer-4361812?utm_campaign=belf-news-]

I wouldn't buy a second hand car from Chris Heaton-Harris – his disreputable behaviour gives politics a bad name

Sam McBride writes in the Belfast Telegraph

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The Secretary of State has misled the public about the Windsor Framework and refused to retract his inaccurate claims – but now wants us to believe him that the new system will operate with great ease...

Advanced British Standard: Sunak qualification will replace A-levels and T-levels - BBC News:

[<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-67008206>]

NI children's commissioner Chris Quinn concerned by school absences - BBC News

[<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-67022964>]

Webinars, music, resources, broadcasts, and books

The Lambeth Calls

You are invited to join Anglicans around the globe as they explore the themes of the Lambeth Calls.

The Lambeth Calls are the third phase of the Lambeth Conference which was attended by Bishops from across the Anglican Communion in July 2022.

The Lambeth Calls open up the conversations that were had at the conference to all Anglicans and the aim of each is to deepen faithfulness to God, advance the ministry of the communion and enable wider participation by churches and communities around the world. Throughout the Anglican

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Communion people are bringing the Lambeth Calls to life in their own contexts.

The Lambeth Calls encompass 10 themes and we are encouraged to consider those themes as they are reflected here in the actions of people in parishes. People in our parishes are already doing so many things, living out their faith both in church and in communities. All we have to do is share who we are. And we have the opportunity to learn from and celebrate with other Anglicans throughout the communion as we walk, listen and witness together.

The 10 Lambeth Calls are:

Discipleship

Environment and Sustainable Development

Anglican Identity

Safe Church

Science and Faith

Human Dignity

Christian Unity

Mission and Evangelism

Inter Faith

Reconciliation

Each call had a drafting group, with diverse representation from around the Anglican Communion. Each call includes declarations, affirmations and common calls for action or reflection.

Lambeth has provided many resources to help people around the Anglican Communion engage with the Lambeth Calls. There are regular 'Share the Call' webinars on each of

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the calls which you can sign up to here <https://www.lambethconference.org/phase-3/register-for-phase-3/>.

Further Information

You can learn more about the Lambeth Calls here: <https://www.lambethconference.org/phase-3/our-current-focus/the-environment-and-sustainable-development/>

The first call explores discipleship and you can watch the webinar here: https://www.lambethconference.org/phase_3_theme/discipleship/.

Incidentally you will recognise the 5Ts distillation of the Five Marks of Mission of the Anglican Communion (Tell, Teach, Tend, Transform and Treasure) as they originated from Dr David Tuohy SJ's work with Dublin and Glendalough on Come&C.

The current focus is on the Environment and Sustainable Development and there are lots of resources available here: <https://www.lambethconference.org/phase-3/our-current-focus/the-environment-and-sustainable-development/>

Magical Evening of Seasonal Songs at Clonard

Don't forget to mark your calendar for a memorable night at Clonard Monastery this November. Join us for enchanting performances by Northern Ireland's musical talents!

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Featuring - Malachi Cush, Fr Martin O'Hagan, Margaret Keys, St Clare's and St Dominic's choirs. Hosted by Claire McCollum, this event launches our Christmas Appeal. Let's unite, savor beautiful music, and create a positive impact in our community.

Sunday, November 19th; 7:00 PM; Location: Clonard Monastery, Belfast; Tickets: £20

Reserve your spot now: <https://www.svp.ie/an-evening-of-seasonal-songs/>

Poem for today

October by Robert Frost

O hushed October morning mild,
Thy leaves have ripened to the fall;
Tomorrow's wind, if it be wild,
Should waste them all.
The crows above the forest call;
Tomorrow they may form and go.
O hushed October morning mild,
Begin the hours of this day slow.
Make the day seem to us less brief.
Hearts not averse to being beguiled,
Beguile us in the way you know.
Release one leaf at break of day;
At noon release another leaf;
One from our trees, one far away.

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Retard the sun with gentle mist;
Enchant the land with amethyst.
Slow, slow!
For the grapes' sake, if they were all,
Whose leaves already are burnt with frost,
Whose clustered fruit must else be list
For the grapes' sake along the wall.

Speaking to the soul

Short reading and a prayer - daily on this site

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